(c) At the present juncture any specutation in this regard would be premature.

Heroine Manufacture in Delhi

1269. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Narcotics Central Bureau (NCB) had unearthed a racket of highly refined Heroine, being manufactured in small laboratories in several areas of NCT-Delhi;

(b) whether any such centre that produces Heroine has been raided so far; and has anybody been punished; and

(c) what steps are being proposed to curb heroine cottage industry in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) had raided and unearthed two heroin manufacturing units in NCT-Delhi in November and December, 1999. Eight persons were arrested under the NDPS Act and remanded to judicial custody by the Court. One person out of these eight has also been detained under PITNDPS Act.

(c) All the drug law enforcement agencies are maintaining strict vigil to check illicit diversion/smuggling of opium and making concerted efforts to curb drug trafficking including manufacture of illicit drugs. Stringent action is taken under the NDPS Act, 1985 against persons involved.

Credit deposit ratio in NE States

1270. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of credit deposit ratio as on march 1999 in respect of N.E. States in banking sector, State-wise.

(b) the total bank deposit in N.E. States as on 31.3.99 State-wise; and

(c) the total lending in agricultural sector in Tripura during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) The percentage of Credit Deposit (CD) Ratio and the amount of outstanding deposits of scheduled commercial banks of the States in North Eastern Region as on the last Friday of March, 1999 is given below:

All Scheduled commercial banks deposits and credit deposit ratio in states in North Eastern Region

(March, 1999)

	State/ Union Territory	Deposits (Rs. Lakh)	Credit Deposit Ratio %
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	48444	14.1
2.	Assam	703501	31.5
3.	Manipur	40622	41.7
4.	Meghalaya	114704	16.7
5.	Mizoram	30476	20.6
6.	Nagaland	73939	15.7
7.	Tripura	105061	29.4

(c) The bank credit outstanding to Agriculture in Tripura as on March 31, 1999 is Rs. 10194 lakhs.

News-item captioned Punjab National Bank Chief ask to go on leave

1271. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item titled "Punjab National Bank Chief ask to go on leave" which appeared in The Hindustan Times, dated the 18th January, 2000 because of his involvement in a fraud case of Rs. 13 crore;

(b) whether it is a fact that he is the second banking high-up to do so;

(c) if so, whether the losses perpetrated by both the CMDs have been made good to the exchequer; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what corrective measures Government have taken so that such cases do not recur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Shri Rashid Jilani, CMD, Punjab National Bank (PNB) proceeded